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To: State and Local Agencies

Re: Pharmaceutical Reverse Distribution and Destruction

This is to advise you that the Department of General Services (DGS) now has available a contract for pharmaceutical reverse distribution and destruction services.

This contract will allow you to access returned pharmaceutical goods processing services for pharmaceuticals that are not acceptable for return through the Pharmaceutical Wholesaler Contract with AmerisourceBergen (1S-05-65-50). Agencies will receive credit for returnable pharmaceuticals though the Pharmaceutical Wholesaler. This contract also allows for waste disposal for non-returnable pharmaceuticals.

The DGS has joined the Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) and contracted with MMCAP's provider, Guaranteed Returns, for these services (contract 1-07-56-54-A).

Loretta Maddux is the DGS contract manager and will be your contact for enrollment in this program. Agencies will also soon receive contact telephone numbers at Guaranteed Returns and MMCAP.

In order to use the services, agencies must complete and return to DGS the attached MMCAP facility membership form. Please fax form to Loretta Maddux at (916) 375-4534. Membership forms and user instructions will also be posted starting today at: http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/contracts/pharma/default.htm.

Departments are urged to immediately complete the membership form in order to address drug destruction needs and to obtain the financial savings associated with reverse distribution.

Please contact me at (916) 375-4533 or Ms. Maddux (916) 375-4926 to discuss this matter if you have

any questions.

Sincerely,

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